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Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
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RE: Docket# EP-646-1

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as MFA's notice of intent to participate and comment on rulemaking for the simplified guidelines for addressing small rail rate cases per the STB decision in STB Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub no.1). MFA will issue our complete comments at another date. If there are any questions I can be contacted at 573-876-5213.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin D. Conn".

Kevin D. Conn
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